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Representative Rob Brooks Introduces Wisconsin School Zone Empowerment Act

Madison, WI—Yesterday, Representative Rob Brooks (R-Saukville) released LRB 1820, legislation modifying Wisconsin’s concealed carry law.

LRB 1820 seeks to remove barriers that exist in current state statute so as to ensure that local school boards have every tool available to them as it relates to providing a safe learning environment for their students. School boards, under this bill, are afforded with the ability to establish policies and procedures unique to their respective school districts, while simultaneously retaining the right to prohibit concealed firearms in school buildings.

“This bill is about empowering local school boards and administrators with the authority to develop concealed carry policies, if deemed appropriate, to specifically meet the needs of their districts, with respect to all school buildings. The bill further adopts federal law by stipulating that if an individual is licensed in the state where the gun free school zone is located, they are exempt from the Gun Free School Zone law,” said Representative Rob Brooks.

“As a supporter of local control, I have allowed all four-hundred-twenty-five school boards to establish their own policies as it relates to allowing concealed firearms in school buildings. The bill codifies federal law by permitting concealed carry on the exterior of a school property. Furthermore, the bill was drafted at the behest of teachers, administrators and school board members from across the state. Ultimately, the decision of whether or not to allow concealed firearms in school buildings, will be decided by local school officials, devoid of the barriers that exist in state statutes,” Representative Rob Brooks stated.

In 2011, Wisconsin became the forty-ninth state to permit law-abiding citizens to carry concealed firearms in public places. Since the inception of the law, Wisconsin has issued more than two-hundred-fifty-thousand permits. In order to obtain a permit one must be at least twenty-one years of age and have completed the required training.

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